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EAA Chapter 211

MEETING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2011 SHORT FIELDS, MISSION FLYING

The EAA Chapter 211 meeting will be Friday, December 2nd at the clubhouse at the Grand Haven Municipal Airport. The program will be David McCleery talking about operating out of short fields with obstacles. He will include hand-outs that will be helpful for pilots who may wish to operate on small and/or grass strips. He will also include some very interesting videos of MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) operations in and out of some pretty remote and challenging airstrips in several countries.

Christmas Party

The EAA Chapter 211 Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 3, 2011, 6:00-8:30 pm at John Gill's hangar at the Paul C. Miller-Sparta Airport. It will again be a party for both Chapter 211 and Sparta's EAA Chapter 704. Chapter 211

will furnish meat, coffee, soft drinks and water. Bring a dish to share and table service. Plan on arriving about 6pm with dinner beginning at 6:30pm. There is a map to John's hangar on Page 6.

Dale Hagen will have a small portrait station set up to take your photo for next year's Chapter Roster. He will also take portraits of couples by request.

Board Selection

We have Dale Hagen and Chet Uncapher selected as board members for 2012-2013 but we need one more chapter member on the board. Contact one of the officers to volunteer. The new board members will serve with current members Paul Overbeek, Dave Thomas, and Craig Christilaw.

Project Visit – American Eaglet

At the November meeting an opportunity for Chapter 211 to take on a building project was discussed and widely embraced by the members with an affirmative vote to restore a 1935 American Eaglet for the Air Power Museum near Blanksburg, Iowa. Gary Van Farowe has already transported that Eaglet from Iowa to his shop in Hudsonville, MI.

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Prez Sez

Greetings everyone,

There is no doubt the seasons are changing now. December is here already! It sure seems like every year goes by faster than the last.

Other than just fast, this has been a very fun and educational year for me. I feel honored to have been able to serve it as Chapter 211's President. I tried to do a good job and I hope you feel that, with the help of the rest of the board, and the help of so many of you, I did.

The thing I'm most proud of, of course, is the Young Eagles event we held this year. I'm proud of the enthusiastic participation by all of you who helped out; the pilots who flew, donating their time and fuel, the ground crew who organized and entertained and help keep it a safe event, and, especially, Chet Uncapher who worked so hard to get the word out to so many youth organizations and then coordinated everything so it went so smoothly.

I'm also just a little proud of our website. EAA, through the Peter Burgher Chapter Fund, gave every chapter a "starter" website and the tools to develop it. Though I'm happy with what I've been able to do with the site so far, I look forward to taking it further, and, if you haven't already, I hope you will soon discover what a valuable and fun tool it can be. And, you can actually help it be more so, just by joining and putting up a profile.

I'm proud of the growth we've experienced this year. Growth is good. Someday those new members may choose to serve on the Board. Actually, two of our somewhat newer members will be serving as Officers in 2012, but I'm not one bit concerned, as these guys are really sharp. Craig Christilaw will be our Secretary/Treasurer and Dave Thomas will be our Vice-President. Plus, veteran Paul Overbeek will be our President.

I need to thank Chet, again, not only for all the heavy lifting he did on the Young Eagles event, but also for putting on TWO programs this year! Remember? Chet first did a program on WWII ace and Metal of Honor recipient [Lieutenant Colonel, William A. Shomo](#), and then also shared with us the trials (or labor of love) of he and Patty painting their Piper Arrow.

I also want to thank Phil Mishmerhuizen for putting on a nice slide show of his experience of completely rebuilding his 1942 Waco in four easy steps (years). And, I want to thank David McCleery, in advance, for doing our December program on the special challenges of missionary aviation.

We are just one member short of having a full Board next year. Please think about serving. We will be looking to fill that opening as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting!
Sincerely,

Dale Hagen

President - EAA Chapter 211



Project Visit – American Eaglet

An introductory project visit is now planned for from 8am to 11am on December 10, 2011, at Gary's workshop, 6724 Van Buren St., Hudsonville, MI. Everyone is welcome to come, and coffee and donuts will be provided. Gary will probably also be setting up a schedule for people to begin working on the project.

Details of the project and a map to Gary's can also be accessed on our website at: www.211.eaachapter.org

If you made a pledge to this project and want to take advantage of a tax deduction for 2011, you can send your donation to:

**Airpower Museum, Inc
Antique Airfield
22001 Bluegrass Rd
Ottumwa IA 52501**

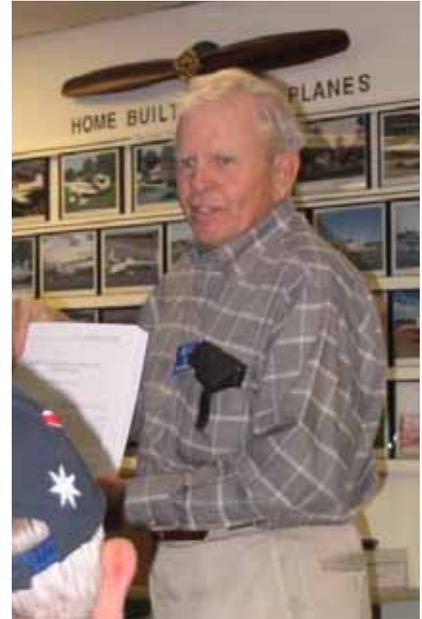
Make sure to clearly note that your donation is for the "1935 American Eaglet NC17007 restoration by EAA Chapter 211."



EAA Chapter 211 November 4 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM 11/4/2011 by Dale Hagen with pledge. There were 29 members and 1 guest. Had report on Young Eagles, plan on a few rides yet this year. Reported that operator of the Grand Haven Airport has a Cessna Skycatcher for rent for people that want to fly in the sport pilot program. The minutes were approved as in news letter, financial report was given and approved. Ken Dannenberg gave flight report, there were 198 accidents with 22 fatalities. The maintenance report was on weight & balance;

a recent aircraft paper work was wrong and it looks like no one looked at it, the aircraft has been flying for a long time. The winter dinner at Sparta Airport (John Gills) hanger Sat Dec 3 6:00 PM eat at about 6:30 PM. Election of leaders for next 2 years, Dale Hagen agreed to run again, and Chet Uncapher agreed to run, still need 1 more, many people were not at meeting, We had coffee break then Phil Michmerhizen showed slides and told of his time with his Waco
Secretary Jack Brewer



Mystery Aircraft



One from Seattle



Last month's Mystery was the Church V-8 at EAA that was restored by the Chapter

Editors Notebook

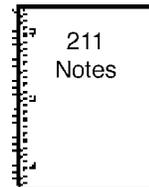
I am writing this just after Thanksgiving day. The end of the year is rushing in.

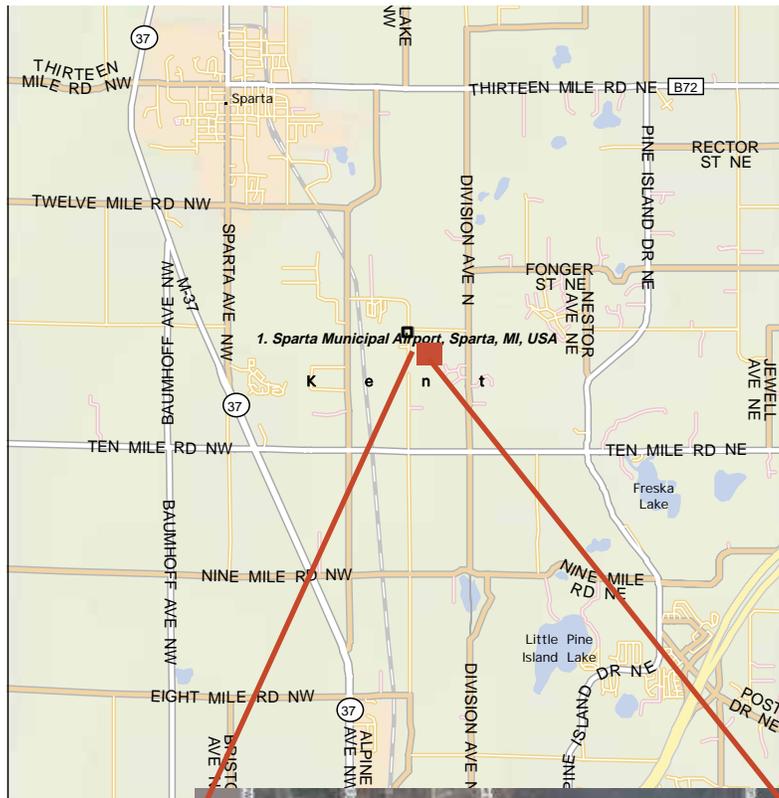
We have two events next month. On the 3rd, the day after the meeting, is the annual Christmas party at John Gill's hangar. Right now the long range weather is not predicting snow for the party. We will have to see if that changes.

The second event December 10 is the open shop at Gary VanFarowe's to see the American Eaglet. I am excited about this project. I helped with a couple of past projects. Gary is a very good instructor. Doing the tasks for covering a plane hands on really shows you how to do it. Maybe I can convince myself again that I can tie the rib stitch knot that then disappears under the fabric. So lets all head over to Gary's shop and see the before version of the Eaglet.

The set of board members for 2012 is almost complete. We need one more Chapter member to volunteer to help Phil, Craig, Dave, Chet and Dale on the board. I think this board will lead the chapter in some interesting things this year. We have the Eaglet project, and the board has been kicking around some other ideas for the chapter.

George





EAA Chapter 211 Calendar

- December 2 Meeting
- December 3 Christmas Party
- December 10 Project Visit - Eaglet
- January 6 Meeting
- February 3 Meeting

**Christmas Party December 3rd
Sparta Airport - Johns Hangar**

Sparta Airport is east of Alpine Ave and north of 10 mile road. From Alpine turn east on Schultz, curve south on Vinton, the airport is just past 11 mile.

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